

REMARKS

Applicant initially notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication in the July 14, 2004 Office Action that Claim 23 is allowed and that Claims 2, 9, 10, 15, and 22 would be allowable if appropriately rewritten. Claims 1, 3-8, 11-14, 16-21, and 24-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In view of the claim amendments made herein, Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn. In this regard, Claim 1 has been amended to include elements corresponding with Claim 2, Claim 8 has been amended to include elements corresponding with Claim 10, Claim 14 has been amended to include elements corresponding with Claim 15, and Claim 21 has been amended to include elements corresponding with Claim 22. Claims 2, 10, 15, 22, and 24-26 have been canceled.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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